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SUBJECT: NEW CHARGES FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES: ITALIAN
REACTION

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR OF ENERGY TO ELICIT ITALIAN
VIEWS ON FAST MOVING URANIUM SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE.
2. FONOFF OFFICIAL STATED THAT GOI IS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT
US PRICE INCREASES AND NEWLY ENVISIONED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.
GOI HAS FORMALLY TRANSMITTED ITS CONCERNS TO EURATOM SUPPLY
AGENCY (OBOUSSIER).
3. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE GOI VIEWS THE US MOVE AS PROVIDING,
HOPEFULLY, THE NECESSARY STIMULUOUS FOR WESTERN EUROPE TO
COME TO GRIPS WITH THE NECESSITY TO PROVIDE ITS OWN URANIUM
ENRICHMENT FACILITIES. ITALY' S ONLY OBJECT IS TO
OBTAIN ENRICHED URANIUM AT RESONABLE PRICES AND UNDER
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REASONABLE CONDITIONS WITH GUARANTEED SUPPLY BUT AT THIS TIME DOES NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO POTENTIAL CONTROVERSY OF PROS AND CONS OF DIFFUSION VERSUS CENTRIFUGE. AS FAR AS GOI CAN SEE, IN THE 1980' S EUROPEAN DEMAND FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES WILL BE AT SUCH A LEVEL THAT THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR BOTH DIFFUSION AND CENTRIFUGE PLANTS.

3. SO FAR, GOI KNOWS ABOUT THE FRENCH URANIUM OFFER TO GERMANY ONLY THROUGH NEWSPAPER REPORTING. GOI HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED EITHER OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY.

4. OFFICIAL WAS NOT AWARE THAT FRANCE MAY BROACH SUBJECT OF GERMAN URANIUM PURCHASE UNDER US/ FRG OFFSET AGREEMENT AT EC COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 22. IF BROUGHT UP UNDER THE " ENRICHED URANIUM ITEM" HE COULD NOT PREDUCT HOW ITALY WOULD REACT (PROBABLY NEUTRAL).

5. OFFICIAL BELIEVES FRANCE HAS CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY THE AMOUNTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM OFFERED TO FRG. VOLPE

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